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November 17, 1986

Frank Ciavattieri, Regional Director
EPA Waste Management Division
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John F. Kennedy Federal Building
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Dear Mr. Ciavattieri:

Enclosed is the material we discussed on November 5, 1986 regarding dredging in New Bedford Harbor and PCB's.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Bradford".

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October 29, 1986

Ms. Karen Menczer
Army Corp. of Engineers
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Dear Ms. Menczer:

I am writing to request that the Army Corp. of Engineers hold a public hearing regarding the dredging project proposed by Mr. Edward Longo of the Gear Locker at Popes Island in New Bedford Harbor.

Before any dredging project is approved for this, or any other section of New Bedford Harbor, I feel that a public hearing should be held to clear up any questions regarding the environmental impact of dredging.

Specifically, we need to inform the public of what type of dredging methods are to be used. We must determine if these methods are least likely to stir up toxic waste in the harbor.

We must further openly discuss the possible impact of this dredging in light of the final EPA test results (which we are currently awaiting) on the concentration of toxic substances in the harbor.

And finally, we must attempt to analyze the public health concerns in relation to the uncompleted New Bedford Area health survey and the correlation between PCB's in the harbor and the general health of the families in the New Bedford area.

Ms. Karen Menczer
Army Corp. of Engineers

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October 22, 1986

In short, we need to inform the public of any potential health hazards that stirring up PCB's or other toxic waste on the bottom of New Bedford Harbor may cause.

I have no objections to expanding docking facilities for our fishing fleet, but I feel it would be inappropriate to go forward with this project without proper public awareness.

Sincerely yours,

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Sen. McClean
Sen. Norton
Rep. Goyette
Rep. Lawrence
Rep. McIntyre
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Bradford questions dredging

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Seeks hearing on river dock expansion

By Anthony S. Twyman
Standard-Times staff writer

NEW BEDFORD — Rep. John Bradford, R-Rochester, says he will ask the Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing before it allows the Gear Locker to dredge the PCB-contaminated Acushnet River bottom west of Popes Island.

"There are too many factors involved to let this proceed without a public hearing," Bradford said in a phone interview Saturday.

Bradford said he wants to know what effect the dredging will have on studies being conducted on the harbor pollution.

"I have nothing against making more docking facilities available for the fishing boats," he said, "but I think environmental health concerns should be foremost in this case."

Edward Longo, owner of the Gear Locker, a ship supply concern, is seeking a federal permit to dredge the area. Longo has said that dredging would create space for a dozen more fishing boats to tie up in the area. Only one or two can dock there now.

"It's sorely needed in this harbor," Longo said Saturday.

Longo wants to dredge about 3,600 cubic yards of material from 22,500 square feet on the western side of Popes Island. The dredged sediments would be buried and capped behind the existing bulkhead on Longo's property in a basin designed to prevent leaching.

The public comment period on Longo's proposal ends Nov. 17. All comments will be evaluated by the Army Corps, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the state Fish and Wildlife Department. If no serious objections are raised, the project could be permitted within 30 days after the comment period closes, the Army Corps has said.